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REMARKS


Claims 1-46 are pending, with claims 1, 15, 23, 32 and 39 being independent. Claims 15-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Please consider the arguments filed on April 11, 2005 with respect to claims 1-14 and 23-46. In the event that the Examiner believes that this amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, a telephonic interview to discuss claims 1-14 and 23-46, and the arguments presented, is respectfully requested. Please feel free to call Applicant's representative, Mr. Hunter, at 858-678-4707 to arrange a convenient time for such an interview.

No fee is believed due. Please apply any necessary charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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